

Family Mediator Certification Board
Minutes
May 6, 2015

Present: B. Sturke, C. Dochstader, C. Sadler, M. Garner, T. Sturke, E. Dinerstein, E. Christensen, K. McCall, R. Cram and M. Rousseau
Also Present: P. Heinrich and Peter Goldsmith

T. Sturke called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM and welcomed Richard Cram and Peter Goldsmith, both of whom were joining the Board. She noted that P. Goldsmith had not yet been sworn in but would be “official” for the next meeting. She asked members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Prior Minutes

C. Dochstader made a MOTION to approve the Public Minutes from April 1, 2015. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED with R. Cram and M. Rousseau abstaining.

The Non-public minutes for April 1st will be approved next month.

Continuing Education Approval Requests

After discussion, B. Sturke made a MOTION to send a letter to Lynn Aaby requesting the required supporting documents (course outlines, handouts, presenter resumes, etc.) for the upcoming AFCC conference before the Board can review her request for the Board to approve continuing education credits. Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

Administrative Assistant's Report

- The summer meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 15th, the date and location to be confirmed at the June meeting.
- The September meeting was scheduled for September 9th.
- K. McCall will be staying on the Board until September. The Governor hasn't yet nominated her replacement to the Executive Council.
- T. Sturke will work with P. Heinrich to get the “Request to Employ in Multiple Positions” waiver filed with the Department of Personnel by the June 30th deadline.

DV Protocols

T. Sturke reported that a sub-committee of Board members (she, K. McCall and E. Christensen) met with Gina Belmont and Molly Brown to discuss the Board's proposed DV Protocols. T. Sturke said that G. Belmont and M. Brown were very receptive to the Board's work to standardize and integrate screening for domestic violence in the courts. T. Sturke indicated that G. Belmont would be sending the proposed protocol to Judge Carbon for review and comment.

E. Christensen told the Board that the sub-committee agreed to review the brochure "What You Should Know about Domestic Violence and Mediation" and forward suggested updates to the NHCADSV. She said the intention is that a revised brochure will reference the new protocol and

when reprinted, will be distributed to all the courts. She said the sub-committee also suggested to G. Belmont and M. Brown that the new brochure could be included with materials that the court now sends out to all parties prior to First Appearance.

K. McCall said there is a need to reach out to the writers of the Michigan DV protocol (which was used as the model for the Board's proposed protocol) and ask about how to credit them when the Board finalizes its new protocol.

T. Sturke said that Molly Brown and Gina Belmont would develop protocols, including a step-by-step description about what to do when DV is disclosed, for court personnel. She said that when the court protocol and the Board's protocol are finalized, the sub-committee will meet with them again to discuss training for court personnel, including judges and case managers, as well as the court family mediators to ensure an understanding of these new materials.

T. Sturke suggested that the Board not finalize the protocols until it receives input from Judge Carbon.

E. Christensen told the Board she had presented a protocol flow sheet to G. Belmont and M. Brown, which they may use in a pilot project, possibly with Judge Carbon.

T. Sturke indicated the next steps for the Board include a review of the rules to see where changes need to be made to include the new protocol, including asking a question on certification and renewal applications about following the protocol. She said one of the sub-committee members would contact G. Belmont and/or M. Brown to follow up before the next Board meeting.

Non-Public Session I: RSA 91-A:3 II c.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, IIc: Personal. Second: M. Garner. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

The Board began Non-Public Session at 5:15 PM.

The Board resumed Public Session at 5:45 PM.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to SEAL the Non-Public minutes. Second: C. Sadler. MOTION PASSED.

C. Sadler made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: M. Garner. MOTION PASSED.

T. Sturke adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich